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## *A Look Ahead...*

A publication for Fernald stakeholders

### **Waste pit excavation will start this summer**

Fernald will initiate a safety review for plans to excavate the Waste Pits and will also begin testing IT Corp.'s treatment facilities to ensure they operate as designed. The current plan is to begin excavating pit materials. Fernald will also ship two more trains of material to Envirocare of Utah in late May and mid-June.

### **Silo domes being repaired**

Repairs are currently being performed on the domes of Silos 1 and 2 in order to reduce radon emissions. The repairs include cleaning the domes and foaming/sealing existing access points. A survey of the domes identified areas requiring additional foam. Fernald workers will be visible on top of the silos performing the repairs. This work is weather and temperature dependent, and should be completed within the next two weeks.

### **Nuclear material shipments**

Shipments of nuclear material from Fernald will be sent to Portsmouth in June. These shipments will include depleted uranium, ingots, and cores. In addition, the first shipment of Liquid Mixed Waste (Batch 8) will be transported to the Toxic Substance Control Act Incinerator at DOE's Oak Ridge facility in June. Three shipments of Batch 8 material will be transported by the end of June.

### **Integrated Site Environmental Report will soon be available**

The 1998 *Integrated Site Environmental Report* (ISER) will be available for public review at the Public Environmental Information Center by mid-June. The ISER is an annual report that provides stakeholders with the results from the site's environmental monitoring program for calendar year 1998. It also provides a summary of progress made toward final remediation of the site.

### **Fernald wetlands planted**

Approximately seven acres of wetlands have been created in compliance with the Clean Water Act. By mid-June, the construction and spring planting for the Wetland Mitigation Project will be completed. These wetlands were designed and built as low maintenance reserves. The wetlands are located in the northeast corner of the site near the Route 126 entrance.

### **Upcoming Fernald Citizens Advisory Board meetings**

Members of the public are invited to the following Citizens Advisory Board meetings, which will be held on site in the large lab conference room.

- On June 9, the Stewardship Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. to follow up on issues pertaining to the future of the site.
- On June 10, the full board will meet to discuss transportation issues, the path forward for the On Site Disposal Facility Leachate Transmission Line, and grazing of cattle on Fernald property.

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